

Amendment for Application No.: 10/664,204
Attorney Docket: CFA00009US

Amendments to the Drawings:

The sheets of drawings submitted herewith include changes to sheet 5 (Fig. 5).

Attachments: Replacement Sheet (1)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)

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REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

In the final Office Action dated 31 October 31 2007, claims 1, 6, 8-12, 17 and 19-22 were pending. All of the claims 1, 6, 8-12, 17 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement and written description requirements. Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Moreover, various amendments to paragraphs [0008] and [0034] of the specification were objected to as allegedly introducing new matter into the application. Moreover, an amended drawing Fig. 5 was objected to as allegedly being unclear, as discussed more fully below. Finally, the Office Action indicates that no prior art was applied. Thus it appears that the previous prior art rejections of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) with respect to U.S. Patent 4,929,978 to Kanamori et al. have been withdrawn at least for present purposes. Moreover, it appears that the prior rejections of claims 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 have also been withdrawn.

Summary of the Interview with the Examiner

On 29 January 2008, the undersigned Attorney for Applicants and his co-counsel Marlene Klein participated in an Examiner's Interview with Examiner Lay regarding the final Office Action identified above. Examiner Lay indicated that the objections to the amendments to the specification were based on the use of the word "original" not being present in the specification as originally filed. The participants discussed changing "original" to "input" and the Examiner agreed that such would resolve the objections. The participants also discussed changing step S102 as shown in Fig. 5 to more particularly correspond to its description in the specification. The Examiner indicated that an appropriate change that reflected the change in the specification from "original" to "input" would cure the objection to Fig. 5. The participants also discussed independent claim 1, in particular changing "original" to "input", and the usage of the term "corresponding". The participants also discussed removing the phrase "corresponding to the first color value" from the claim for added clarity. The Examiner agreed that such

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changes to claim 1 would cure the rejections with respect to 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The other claims in the application were not specifically discussed except to note that if amended similarly to the proposed amendments to claim 1, the pending rejections would be cured.

Additional Remarks Regarding the Various Amendments

Applicants have now amended the claims and Fig. 5 in what is believed to be a manner consistent with the discussion during the Examiner's Interview. Applicants accordingly believe that these amendments will cure all outstanding issues with respect to the application. Applicants accordingly request further consideration of the application in light of the various amendments presented above. Applicants further wish to thank Examiner Lay for holding the Examiner's Interview and assisting Applicants with resolving the pending objections and rejections to various aspects of the application as noted above.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the application meet the requirements for patentability and respectfully request that the Examiner indicate the allowance of such claims at her earliest convenience.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

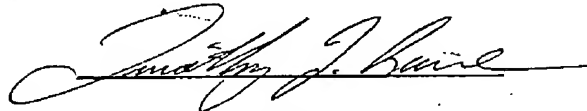
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner may contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 5

